

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

9. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

an information processing system having a display, a keyboard, a lever input device embedded in the keyboard, and three buttons; and

a graphical user interface cooperating with said information processing system (a) to display a cursor at a coordinate position on the display designated by a manipulation of the lever input device and (b) to control system functions, wherein the lever input device, three buttons, and said graphical user interface cooperate (c) to activate a software program associated with a selected displayed icon when a first of the three buttons is depressed, (d) to display software program characteristics when a second of the three buttons is depressed, and (e) to scroll within a displayed window by manipulation of the lever input device when a third of the three buttons is depressed.

10. (New) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said information processing system is a notebook computer system.

11. (New) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the third button is disposed between the first and second buttons.

12. (New) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein a scroll message is originated upon depression of the third button.

13. (New) An information processing apparatus, comprising:

a notebook computer system having a display, a keyboard, a lever input device embedded in the keyboard, and three buttons, the three buttons being a left button, a right button, and a middle button; and

a graphical user interface cooperating with said notebook computer system (a) to display a cursor at a coordinate position on the display designated by manipulation of the lever input device and (b) to control system functions, wherein the lever input device, three buttons, and said graphical user interface cooperate (c) to activate a software program associated with a selected displayed icon when the left button is depressed, (d) to display software program characteristics when the right button is depressed, and (e) to scroll within a displayed window by manipulation of the lever input device when the middle button is depressed.

14. (New) An information processing apparatus, comprising:

a notebook computer system having a display, a keyboard, a pointing device, a left button, a right button, and a middle button; and

a graphical user interface cooperating with said notebook computer system (a) to display a cursor at a coordinate position on the display designated by manipulation of the pointing device and (b) to control system functions, wherein the pointing device, three buttons, and said graphical user interface cooperate (c) to activate a software program associated with a selected displayed icon when the left button is depressed, (d) to display software program characteristics when the right button is depressed, and (e) to scroll

within a displayed window by manipulation of the pointing device when the middle button is depressed.